

and digital input means for providing data, the interface control system coupled to (1) a multiple port, multiple format processor for interfacing a substantial number of callers in any of a plurality of formats to concurrently process data and (2) a plurality of live operator stations with prompting capability, for a plurality of formats, said interface control system comprising:

call data means for receiving signal-represented call data signals from said terminals or from the communication facility;

selection means for selecting one of said formats under control of said call data means to thereby further specify any defined conditions for a connection of a call or maintaining connection of a call either to said multiple port, multiple format processor or one of said live operator stations, at least one of said formats having at least one specified test condition including testing against a file of data including negative file data indicative of prohibitive use; and

interconnect switch means for providing format data and controlling connections from a calling remote terminal to a port of said multiple port, multiple format processor under control of said selection means or one of said live operator stations in the event of negative file data.

18. (Amended) A system according to claim 1 further comprising:

test capability to specify other test conditions for certain of said formats and test compliance with the conditions to further control the interconnect switch means.

Marked Version of Claims Relative to the Previous Version

The changes to the claims are shown below by brackets (*for deleted matter*) or underlining (*for added matter*).

1. (Twice Amended) An interface control system for use with a communication facility including remote terminals for individual callers, wherein said remote terminals **[may]** comprise a **[conventional]** telephone instrument including voice communication means and digital input means for providing data,